

Noted And Passed

For more than 30 years, Carolina Telephone has had an employee-oriented magazine, "Cross Talk" is published monthly and for some reason or another it was one mailing list which had passed us by.

Bill Meekins, community relations manager from the Isle of Pasquotank, brought Jim Nichols by not long ago to introduce him as the new editor. Although it was raining this particular day, Bill declared that he did show up along the Public Parade in fair weather also, even though Carolina Telephone found it more cost effective to close the local commercial office.

Bill and Jim wanted to promote the January, 1984, issue hereabouts because one of the feature articles is on Edenton—"Historic Albemarle Jewel With A Bright Future." While the article by Jill Adams, area correspondent for The Virginia Pilot, was already in print, Jim found room to give the better part of a page to our expanding health care industry.

"Cross Talk" won't be found in every magazine rack along the Public Parade. But Carolina Telephone company employees who read the latest edition will know a little more about Edenton, past, present and future.

Troubled Lines

If the devil doesn't get us, redistricting of the General Assembly will. Or at least, that must be what State Sen. J.J. (Monk) Harrington of Bertie is thinking these days.

Sen. Harrington, who announced last week for re-election, is a man without a district. A three-judge federal panel ruled Friday that the Second Senatorial District was among some in Tar Heelia which violate the federal Voting Rights Act.

Chowan County is in the Second Senatorial District, which was carved out of a two-seater Sen. Harrington, shared with Sen. Melvin Daniels, Jr., of the Isle of Pasquotank. Sen. Harrington is a veteran legislator, and crafty at that. He sorta hand picked the counties he wanted when it became obvious the 14-county district would be divided into two single representative areas.

When Sen. Daniels complained that his district went from the Virginia line at the north, south to the Pamlico Sound, he got no sympathy from his colleague. Sen. Harrington got what he wanted and through whatever means necessary kept it—that is, until Friday.

Now Sen. Daniels is sitting out this election, assessing his chances to run for the U.S. Senate in 1986. Sen. Harrington is temporarily without a district.

The federal panel gave the State of North Carolina until March 16 to correct the "injustices" via a new redistricting plan. This is virtually impossible since the members of the General Assembly seem to have more problems with drawing lines on a map than adopting a multi-billion dollar budget.

Boundaries are troubled lines throughout the nation. They are especially troublesome in Tar Heelia where legislators are so turf conscious, not to mention their concern for re-election. But re-election apparently won't be a problem in our Senatorial District this summer. There's no district to worry about.

Unity vs. Threats

While supporters of Democrats are writing letters to editors in order to threaten the credibility of a candidate and other "dirty tricks" emerge so early in the campaign, the "other side" has a real, live candidate traveling around the state speaking a language which can be the difference in victory and defeat.

We had long ago heard what proposed to be the prior position of Eddie Knox, the former Charlotte mayor, state legislator and political whiz kid, on the establishment of the East Carolina University Medical School. There was an attempt to get the facility located in Mecklenburg County, and we are sure as a dedicated representative of that area Mr. Knox, who now wants to be Governor of North

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Body Of Fisherman Found In Tyrrell Co.

By Ron Anderson

The search concluded Wednesday, February 1 for a Columbia fisherman who was last seen tending fishing nets in the Albemarle Sound on Monday evening, January 30.

The Coast Guard, the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad and both the Chowan County and the Washington County Sheriff's Departments began their search for Lonny Ray Cowell, 30, of Columbia around 7 P.M. on Monday.

Searchers stopped looking sometime close to 2 A.M. Tuesday morning but were back at daylight to begin again. They were joined at dawn by a group of private fishermen and wildlife officers and searched until 4:30 that afternoon. The search was resumed again at dawn on Wednesday, February 1. Cowell's 16 ft. fiberglass boat was

found washed ashore on a beach in Chowan County Monday, Jan. 30 around 6:30 P.M. The Coast Guard notified the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad and the search was begun.

The Coast Guard used two patrol boats and a helicopter to search for the missing man.

Local search efforts, which were primarily confined to the Sound Bridge northeast to Nixon's Beach, were coordinated from Sandy Point Beach.

At 12:30 P.M. February 1 Petty Officer Coleman of the Coinjock Coast Guard Station said, "We are re-searching areas that have previously been searched and expanding the search."

Cowell's body was found in Tyrrell County Wednesday at 1 P.M., according to a Chowan County Rescue Squad Spokesman.



SEARCH—The 16 ft. fiberglass boat (left) owned by missing fisherman Lonny Ray Cowell of Columbia was towed to Sandy Point Beach on Tuesday January 31. The boat that towed Cowell's Boat (right) went back to continue the search for Cowell in the Albemarle Sound. Sandy Point Beach was the base of operation for the search locally.

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ELECTIONS - Marjorie T. Allen, Supervisor of Elections, and R. Wayne Goodwin of Tyrer look over the Campaign Reporting Instructions at the Elections Board Office on E. King St. Goodwin filed on Friday, January 27 for a seat on the Board of County Commissioners.

Tyrer Resident To Seek County Commissioners Post

R. Wayne Goodwin of Tyrer filed to run for Chowan County Commissioner (Wardville District) on Friday, January 27.

Goodwin is a farmer and co-owner of Goodwin T.V. and Appliance of Crossroads. He is an active member and past president of the Tyrer Jaycees.

A native of Chowan County, Goodwin graduated from Chowan High School in 1965. He is also a graduate of Pitt Technical Institute and the College of the Albemarle. He is a four year veteran of the United States Air Force.

Goodwin is the son of Thelma Goodwin of Ryland and the late Richard Goodwin. He is married to the former Frances Byrum of Rocky Hock. The Goodwins have four children, Dwayne, Kenny, Cristy and Marty.

In a prepared statement Goodwin explained why he was seeking a seat on the Board of County Commissioners.

"At this point in time I believe that I can be of benefit to the people of Chowan County to help set trends as they may affect us and our children in years to come," he said.

"Our County buildings, including our schools, are deteriorating fast. Each year we are having to choose to either repair or replace. Adding this to our, already set responsibilities of supporting our teachers, law enforcement officers, firemen and rescue squads and county employees I believe this county will face financial hardships like we haven't seen in a long time.

"These facts along with the fact that most people are already having hardships paying their property tax indicates that a restructure of our tax base or other sources of income for the county must be looked into.

"I believe I can be of some assistance in trying to find answers

to these and many more important situations that pertain to Chowan County."

The Wardville precinct seat on the Board of County Commissioners is currently occupied by Barbara Ward who is finishing out the unexpired term of Lester Copeland. Ward announced at the January Board of County Commissioner's meeting that she would not be running for another term. She cited health problems as the reason for not seeking re-election.

Martin Outlines Economic Goals

By Maru Amburn

Food processing plants and other agriculture and fishing related industries are "naturals" for the economic scheme of Northeastern North Carolina, according to gubernatorial candidate Jim Martin.

In one of his first appearances as a Republican candidate for governor, Congressman Martin spoke to an audience of 35 1st District Republicans at the old Chowan County Courthouse Saturday.

Martin formally announced his candidacy Friday at the State Capitol in Raleigh.

"Republicans are necessary in order to build a strong, healthy two-party system in the Southeastern United States," Martin contended.

Martin called roads, education, the recruitment of food/seafood processing industries, and providing jobs for young people major needs for the state and Northeastern North Carolina.

The candidate emphasized that roads are directly tied to jobs and industrial development.

While saying that Highway 17 is a priority, Martin would make no specific promises about highway development other than to say that I-40 should be completed to Wilmington. The six-term Congressman stated that this effort will aid all of the state, including agriculture related industry, improving the export/import balance in North Carolina.

Eastern North Carolina has not gotten a fair share of the economic recovery inspired by "Reaganomics," according to Mar-

tin. While unemployment decreased in North Carolina from 10.7 per cent to 7.3 per cent in 1983, the current state administration did not bring the recovery to the Albemarle Area.

he is a ranking member of the executive committee of the House GOP leadership.

Prior to his election to Congress, Martin was a Davidson College professor and chairman of the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners.

Martin lives on Lake Norman near the Iredell County town of Mooresville.

Redistricting Plan Invalid

By Maru Amburn

A federal panel ruled Friday that certain North Carolina legislative districts are in violation of the 1965 Voting Rights Act because they dilute the voting strength of blacks.

The three-judge court gave the General Assembly until March 16 to create a new redistricting plan.

The judges required that the state must redraw boundaries before holding elections in Senate districts 2 and 22 and House districts 8, 21, 23, 36, and 39.

Chowan County is part of the 2nd District Senate seat which is affected by the ruling of the special panel given the authority to hear cases rising out of the Voting Rights Act.

Senate District 2, with one senator, was drawn to cover most of Northeastern North Carolina north of Pamlico County and east of Edgecombe and Halifax counties.

The state has the option of ap-

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Congressman Jim Martin

Martin said, "Of the 19 counties which experienced an increase in unemployment, 16 counties were east of Interstate 95."

Martin, 47, has been a member of the U. S. House of Representatives since 1972, when he was elected to succeed Congressman Charles R. Jonas. He is a senior member of the House Committee on Ways and Means and Chairman of the Republican Task Force on Health. As chairman of the house Republican Research Committee,



AN UNMARRIED CANVAS—The symmetry of nature was hauntingly obvious late Friday afternoon as each cloud, tree bough and house was reflected in Edenton Bay. (Staff Photo by Maru Amburn)